

Wisconsin Marriages and Divorces, 1999

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Introduction

This report presents key information about marriages and divorces that *occurred* in Wisconsin in 1999. It also contains information from selected previous years, as well as information on the number and rate of marriages and divorces, both in Wisconsin and nationally. The sources of data for Wisconsin are marriage and divorce certificates on file with the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

The collection of marriage and divorce data is mandated by Chapter 69 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Chapter 69 authorizes the Department of Health and Family Services to supervise and direct the collection of these data. This statute also stipulates how local registrars are to collect and file certificates of marriage. Samples of the marriage and divorce certificates are included in the Technical Notes.

The Bureau of Health Information would like to thank the County Clerks for issuing accurate marriage licenses and the local Register of Deeds offices for their accurate recording of all marriage records.

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Key Findings

- A total of 35,754 marriages occurred in Wisconsin in 1999, representing a slight increase from the 34,946 marriages that occurred in 1998. These counts reflect all marriages that occurred in Wisconsin (of both residents and non-residents of the state).
- Wisconsin's marriage rate in 1999 was 6.8 per 1,000 total population, similar to the 1998 rate (6.7) but still part of a gradual decline since 1980 (when the rate was 8.7).
- The marriage rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years. In 1999, the United States marriage rate was 8.4.
- For the past three years, the median age at first marriage has remained the same (24.6 for brides and 26.3 for grooms). In 1960, the median age at first marriage was 20.4 for brides and 22.9 for grooms.
- Since 1960, the average bride in a first marriage has been approximately two years younger than the groom.
- In 1999, the months with the highest number of marriages were June, September and October. September was the most popular month to marry.
- Milwaukee County had the highest number of marriages in 1999 (5,547), followed by Dane County (2,769), Waukesha County (2,333), and Brown County (1,644). These are Wisconsin's four most populous counties.
- A total of 17,302 divorces occurred in Wisconsin in 1999, for a divorce rate of 3.3 per 1,000 total population. This is identical to the 1998 rate, which was the lowest statewide rate since 1975.
- The divorce rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years. In 1999, the United States divorce rate was 4.2.
- In 1999, the total number of Wisconsin divorces was 48 percent of the total number of Wisconsin marriages. This is down two percentage points from 1998.
- The highest number of divorces occurred in Milwaukee County (2,593 divorces and 14 annulments), followed by Dane County (1,347 divorces and 7 annulments) and Waukesha County (1,019 divorces), reflecting the large populations of these three counties.
- Fifty-seven percent of all Wisconsin divorces in 1999 involved families with children under 18 years of age. Among divorces involving families with children, an average of 1.8 children were affected by each divorce.

Table 1. Marriages and Marriage Rates, Wisconsin and United States, Selected Years, 1920-1999

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Wisconsin Marriages</u>	<u>Wisconsin Marriage Rate*</u>	<u>United States Marriage Rate*</u>
1920	22,293	8.4	12.0
1925	16,385	5.8	10.3
1930	15,328	5.2	9.2
1935	21,075	6.9	10.4
1940	23,379	7.5	12.1
1945	25,269	8.5	12.2
1950	29,081	8.4	11.1
1955	25,543	7.0	9.3
1960	24,573	6.2	8.5
1965	28,410	6.7	9.3
1970	34,415	7.8	10.6
1975	35,888	7.9	10.0
1980	41,113	8.7	10.6
1985	40,014	8.4	10.1
1990	38,934	8.0	9.8
1991	37,765	7.6	9.4
1992	37,069	7.4	9.2
1993	36,415	7.2	9.0
1994	36,375	7.2	9.1
1995	36,354	7.1	8.9
1996	36,186	7.0	8.9
1997	35,546	6.8	8.9
1998	34,946	6.7	8.5
1999	35,754	6.8	8.4

Source: U.S. marriage rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Reports*. Wisconsin numbers and rates are from the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* Rates shown are marriages per 1,000 total population.

Notes: The Wisconsin numbers and rates reflect marriages that occurred in Wisconsin. The United States marriage rate for 1998 is provisional based on marriages that occurred in the 12 months ending in May of that year. The United States marriage rate for 1999 is provisional based on marriages that occurred in the 12 months ending in May of that year.

- A total of 35,754 marriages occurred in Wisconsin in 1999, representing a slight increase from the 34,946 marriages that occurred in 1998.
- Wisconsin's marriage rate in 1999 was 6.8 per 1,000 total population, similar to the 1998 rate (6.7) but still part of a gradual decline since 1980 (when the rate was 8.7).
- The marriage rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years.

Table 2. Median Age at First Marriage and All Remarriages, Wisconsin 1960-1999

<u>Year</u>	First Marriages		All Remarriages	
	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>
1960	20.4	22.9	39.9	45.1
1965	20.6	22.5	40.4	45.2
1970	20.8	22.6	37.4	42.6
1975	20.8	22.7	32.4	37.1
1980	21.7	23.5	31.7	34.9
1985	22.9	24.7	33.7	36.9
1990	23.8	25.5	38.3	41.6
1991	23.9	25.6	38.6	41.7
1992	24.1	25.7	38.8	42.3
1993	24.2	25.8	39.0	42.0
1994	24.3	25.8	39.4	42.3
1995	24.5	26.0	39.9	42.6
1996	24.6	26.2	40.4	43.6
1997	24.6	26.3	40.7	43.4
1998	24.6	26.3	41.1	43.9
1999	24.6	26.3	41.6	44.5

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing,
Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The median age is one way of expressing the average age, and represents the midpoint of all persons in the group (half are older and half are younger than the median age). For example, in 1995 the median age for brides at first marriage was 24.5, meaning that half of all brides being married for the first time in 1995 were younger, and half were older, than 24.5. The numbers in this table reflect all marriages that occurred in Wisconsin in the stated years.

- For the past three years, the median age at first marriage has remained the same (24.6 for brides and 26.3 for grooms). In 1960, the median age at first marriage was 20.4 for brides and 22.9 for grooms.
- Since 1960, the average bride in a first marriage has been approximately two years younger than the groom.

Table 3. Marriages and Remarriages by Age of Bride and Groom, Wisconsin 1999

Age in Years	BRIDE					GROOM				
	Total Marriages	First	Second	Third	Fourth or More	Total Marriages	First	Second	Third	Fourth or More
	35,754	24,474	8,841	2,005	434	35,754	25,078	8,528	1,805	343
16	157	157				8	8			
17	165	165				25	25			
18	672	671	1			218	218			
19	1,032	1,031	1			467	466	1		
20	1,398	1,384	14			736	735	1		
21	1,767	1,734	33			1,139	1,134	5		
22	2,193	2,149	44			1,524	1,516	8		
23	2,426	2,344	81	1		1,965	1,940	25		
24	2,500	2,364	130	5	1	2,312	2,258	52	2	
25-29	9,263	7,833	1,352	76	2	10,093	9,229	846	17	1
30-34	5,053	2,848	1,921	258	26	6,177	4,466	1,592	112	7
35-39	3,484	1,120	1,821	465	78	3,944	1,862	1,772	275	35
40-44	2,330	452	1,339	435	104	2,693	771	1,512	361	49
45-49	1,453	147	878	326	102	1,762	274	1,028	367	93
50-54	854	52	522	206	74	1,137	95	685	291	66
55-59	434	10	292	106	26	614	43	349	179	43
60-64	252	6	165	70	11	389	21	245	102	21
65-69	143	3	110	28	2	239	8	168	50	13
70-74	99	3	76	15	5	153	4	120	22	7
75+	79	1	61	14	3	159	5	119	27	8

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: Totals shown represent marriages that occurred in Wisconsin in 1999.

- For first-time brides and grooms, the highest number of marriages occurs between the ages of 25 and 29.
- In 1999, first-time grooms in Wisconsin outnumbered first-time brides by more than 600.

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Table 4. Monthly Marriage Totals by County, Wisconsin 1999

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
State Total	35,754	1,283	1,466	1,470	2,167	3,833	4,483	4,185	4,388	4,530	4,405	1,875	1,669
Adams	148	4	9	5	6	19	20	23	12	18	15	12	5
Ashland	145	10	7	1	11	15	19	19	17	22	13	3	8
Barron	336	12	18	15	17	29	52	44	45	51	30	11	12
Bayfield	115	3	5	2	4	9	13	18	20	18	14	4	5
Brown	1,644	57	58	56	119	207	198	181	203	198	202	92	73
Buffalo	94	3	1	2	5	9	13	8	18	15	13	3	4
Burnett	123	5	4	3	11	17	17	14	18	9	16	1	8
Calumet	203	9	6	9	11	26	29	21	28	21	25	12	6
Chippewa	455	16	15	16	31	53	67	70	37	57	57	13	23
Clark	241	8	9	10	17	20	31	25	31	35	32	9	14
Columbia	380	17	15	20	21	41	45	41	47	56	40	18	19
Crawford	138	1	6	10	8	12	20	20	21	16	12	9	3
Dane	2,769	97	102	111	163	316	319	368	322	358	353	130	130
Dodge	511	21	12	29	38	61	60	58	57	61	60	29	25
Door	432	17	17	8	24	42	52	49	50	70	67	13	23
Douglas	267	6	11	12	19	25	29	42	42	31	25	12	13
Dunn	213	3	8	10	13	24	27	24	36	28	22	11	7
Eau Claire	630	23	18	34	39	74	80	67	87	71	83	27	27
Florence	34	2		1	1		3	12	5	4	2	1	3
Fond du Lac	656	22	26	29	48	63	89	77	79	71	86	39	27
Forest	66	2	4	1	4	7	12	12	13	5	5		1
Grant	333	7	9	9	22	41	44	35	38	48	38	22	20
Green	239	7	12	12	15	26	31	31	26	35	21	6	17
Green Lake	168	2	7	5	8	19	25	20	22	18	27	8	7
Iowa	180	4	10	9	9	15	20	21	27	34	21	6	4
Iron	62	2	1	4	1	5	7	10	6	12	5	3	6
Jackson	142	4	7	5	5	16	16	11	20	22	17	11	8
Jefferson	548	17	31	22	34	54	74	67	48	68	79	27	27
Juneau	174	3	13	9	10	12	29	16	18	25	21	9	9
Kenosha	865	27	43	39	42	94	99	105	100	102	107	58	49
Kewaunee	108	2	6	6	10	13	15	6	18	10	15	4	3
La Crosse	754	36	37	28	45	88	97	87	97	95	92	28	24
Lafayette	90	4	7	3	4	7	14	5	13	9	12	5	7
Langlade	155	5	5	8	15	17	16	24	23	18	17	2	5
Lincoln	210	7	14	4	11	21	21	29	31	33	19	12	8
Manitowoc	552	16	21	17	38	70	70	59	73	70	66	36	16
Marathon	868	40	36	36	54	85	111	107	110	108	104	42	35
Marinette	304	13	14	12	18	30	29	43	50	37	29	14	15
Marquette	114	4	6	6	8	11	16	10	14	12	11	3	13
Menominee	45	1	2	1	1	8	3	5	6	5	4	7	2
Milwaukee	5,547	207	243	248	365	582	640	607	631	685	658	391	290

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Monroe	289	11	13	6	18	37	37	39	27	28	44	17	12
Oconto	220	6	6	6	11	20	33	31	34	30	21	10	12
Oneida	300	7	12	16	18	29	43	34	49	40	35	5	12
Outagamie	1,295	44	39	60	74	142	164	121	162	166	188	75	60
Ozaukee	487	24	14	20	22	45	72	57	69	56	56	28	24
Pepin	49	2			4	8	10	3	3	6	10	3	
Pierce	201	11	8	10	14	21	40	17	23	21	21	6	9
Polk	284	12	6	14	22	17	44	31	43	36	29	10	20
Portage	397	13	16	12	27	45	54	39	40	52	58	25	16
Price	103	3		4	4	10	17	18	13	16	7	5	6
Racine	1,131	36	66	59	77	97	152	120	139	137	126	73	49
Richland	137	5	7	5	10	19	17	15	15	9	25	5	5
Rock	911	36	41	45	67	105	107	120	93	108	99	43	47
Rusk	121	4	6	3	6	11	14	21	17	12	15	2	10
St. Croix	419	14	20	17	28	43	59	46	55	50	47	19	21
Sauk	462	15	27	19	25	44	49	44	46	64	79	23	27
Sawyer	136	10	13	8	8	5	17	18	17	16	14	8	2
Shawano	283	6	11	12	12	41	35	26	36	40	37	11	16
Sheboygan	812	35	23	35	39	92	107	98	108	96	105	45	29
Taylor	150	7	7	8	9	10	22	25	15	20	17	4	6
Trempealeau	175	6	4	6	10	15	25	21	26	26	25	5	6
Vernon	180	4	12	11	6	19	29	19	28	17	17	6	12
Vilas	166	7	4	6	10	13	27	11	33	29	15	4	7
Walworth	758	31	38	28	33	75	82	96	96	103	107	43	26
Washburn	114		4	3	5	13	30	13	14	9	15	2	6
Washington	660	20	29	30	36	77	83	77	67	95	92	24	30
Waukesha	2,333	86	86	77	113	259	259	281	316	329	308	124	95
Waupaca	443	17	15	11	24	50	54	62	56	54	60	19	21
Waushara	152	4	6	5	8	21	23	13	22	19	21	2	8
Winnebago	987	35	33	45	57	109	148	108	112	120	116	52	52
Wood	541	26	25	22	45	58	58	70	55	65	61	34	22

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: These numbers represent marriages that occurred in Wisconsin in 1999.

- In 1999, the months with the highest number of marriages were June, September and October. September was the most popular month to marry.
- Milwaukee County had the highest number of marriages in 1999 (5,547), followed by Dane County (2,769), Waukesha County (2,333), and Brown County (1,644). These are Wisconsin's four most populous counties
- The lowest number of marriages occurred in the counties of Florence (34) and Menominee (45).

Table 5. Divorces and Divorce Rates, Wisconsin and United States, Selected Years, 1920-1999

Year	Number of Wisconsin Divorces	Wisconsin Divorce Rate*	United States Divorce Rate*
1920	2,425	0.9	1.6
1925	2,467	0.9	1.5
1930	2,553	0.9	1.6
1935	3,543	1.2	1.7
1940	3,599	1.1	2.0
1945	6,393	2.2	3.5
1950	4,845	1.4	2.6
1955	4,720	1.3	2.3
1960	3,672	0.9	2.2
1965	5,232	1.2	2.5
1970	8,930	2.0	3.5
1975	13,187	2.9	4.8
1980	17,589	3.7	5.2
1985	16,596	3.5	5.0
1990	17,727	3.6	4.7
1991	18,480	3.7	4.7
1992	18,487	3.7	4.8
1993	17,527	3.5	4.6
1994	17,569	3.5	4.6
1995	17,313	3.4	4.4
1996	17,218	3.3	4.4
1997	17,289	3.3	4.3
1998	17,484	3.3	4.2
1999	17,302	3.3	4.2

Source: U.S. divorce rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Reports*. Wisconsin numbers and rates are from the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* Rates shown are divorces and annulments per 1,000 total population.

Notes: The Wisconsin numbers and rates represent divorces and annulments occurring in Wisconsin. The U.S. divorce rates for 1998 and 1999 are provisional based on divorces that occurred in the 12 months ending in May of those years.

- A total of 17,302 divorces occurred in Wisconsin in 1999, for a divorce rate of 3.3 per 1,000 population. This is identical to the rate for the preceding three years, which was the lowest statewide rate since 1975.
- Wisconsin's divorce rate has been lower than the national rate for more than 75 years.
- In 1999, the total number of Wisconsin divorces was 48 percent of the total number of Wisconsin marriages. This is down two percentage points from 1998.

Table 6. Divorces and Annulments by County, Wisconsin 1999

<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces</u>	<u>Annulments</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces</u>	<u>Annulments</u>
Total	17,255	47			
Adams	79		Marathon	411	1
Ashland	69		Marinette	138	
Barron	148	1	Marquette	59	
Bayfield	43		Menominee	0	
Brown	765		Milwaukee	2,593	14
Buffalo	33		Monroe	173	1
Burnett	50	2	Oconto	128	
Calumet	111		Oneida	154	
Chippewa	180		Outagamie	565	3
Clark	80		Ozaukee	207	
Columbia	205		Pepin	21	
Crawford	56		Pierce	100	
Dane	1,347	7	Polk	147	
Dodge	255		Portage	202	
Door	70		Price	52	
Douglas	149	1	Racine	490	2
Dunn	113		Richland	40	
Eau Claire	330		Rock	669	1
Florence	18		Rusk	54	
Fond du Lac	290	1	St. Croix	229	
Forest	38		Sauk	241	
Grant	115		Sawyer	53	
Green	122		Shawano	139	
Green Lake	66		Sheboygan	374	1
Iowa	75		Taylor	56	
Iron	23		Trempealeau	124	
Jackson	67		Vernon	74	
Jefferson	307		Vilas	81	
Juneau	93		Walworth	316	2
Kenosha	564	2	Washburn	63	
Kewaunee	43		Washington	403	2
La Crosse	370	1	Waukesha	1,019	
Lafayette	42		Waupaca	194	
Langlade	74		Waushara	81	
Lincoln	107		Winnebago	552	3
Manitowoc	248	1	Wood	308	1

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: These numbers represent divorces and annulments that occurred in Wisconsin in 1999.

- The highest total number of divorces occurred in Milwaukee County (2,593 divorces and 14 annulments), followed by Dane County (1,347 divorces and 7 annulments) and Waukesha County (1,019 divorces), reflecting the large populations of these three counties.
- The lowest total number of divorces occurred in the counties of Florence (18 divorces), Pepin (21 divorces), and Iron (23 divorces). Menominee County had no divorces in 1999.

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Table 7. Divorces Affecting Children Under 18 Years of Age by County, Wisconsin 1999

<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces Granted</u>	<u>Those With Children < 18</u>	<u>No. of Children <18 Affected</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces Granted</u>	<u>Those With Children < 18</u>	<u>No. of Children <18 Affected</u>
State Total	17,302	9,862	18,154				
Adams	79	42	82	Marathon	412	237	464
Ashland	69	44	78	Marinette	138	78	136
Barron	149	87	167	Marquette	59	35	63
Bayfield	43	26	50	Menominee	0	0	0
Brown	765	431	792	Milwaukee	2,607	1,321	2,421
Buffalo	33	24	50	Monroe	174	99	181
Burnett	52	31	66	Oconto	128	69	131
Calumet	111	78	151	Oneida	154	98	193
Chippewa	180	106	210	Outagamie	568	320	612
Clark	80	54	111	Ozaukee	207	117	209
Columbia	205	118	226	Pepin	21	14	29
Crawford	56	36	68	Pierce	100	65	96
Dane	1,354	727	1,301	Polk	147	93	190
Dodge	255	152	281	Portage	202	112	215
Door	70	36	58	Price	52	33	67
Douglas	150	78	135	Racine	492	281	516
Dunn	113	71	124	Richland	40	22	37
Eau Claire	330	179	310	Rock	670	415	749
Florence	18	8	13	Rusk	54	36	70
Fond du Lac	291	181	336	St. Croix	229	134	257
Forest	38	20	36	Sauk	241	151	293
Grant	115	82	142	Sawyer	53	26	50
Green	122	64	124	Shawano	139	88	177
Green Lake	66	41	82	Sheboygan	375	221	383
Iowa	75	49	94	Taylor	56	38	84
Iron	23	15	25	Trempealeau	124	76	144
Jackson	67	38	68	Vernon	74	43	78
Jefferson	307	195	361	Vilas	81	44	92
Juneau	93	53	97	Walworth	318	193	346
Kenosha	566	331	609	Washburn	63	37	63
Kewaunee	43	27	50	Washington	405	251	468
La Crosse	371	197	362	Waukesha	1,019	561	988
Lafayette	42	30	55	Waupaca	194	109	203
Langlade	74	53	86	Waushara	81	42	70
Lincoln	107	68	131	Winnebago	555	300	526
Manitowoc	249	141	279	Wood	309	190	343

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: These numbers represent divorces and annulments that occurred in Wisconsin in 1999.

- Fifty-seven percent of all Wisconsin divorces in 1999 involved families with children under 18 years of age. Among divorces involving families with children, an average of 1.8 children were affected by each divorce.

Technical Notes

Marriage Reporting Requirements

As specified in Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes, the following is a brief outline of the sequence of events which take place when a marriage occurs in Wisconsin:

- The filing party (officiant) must register the certificate of marriage with the local Register of Deeds (where the marriage took place) within 3 days after the event.
- The local Register of Deeds must transmit the marriage certificate to the State Registrar within 10 working days after its receipt.

A sample marriage certificate form can be found on page 16.

Divorce Reporting Requirements

As specified in Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes, the following is a brief outline of the sequence of events which take place when a divorce occurs in Wisconsin:

- At the end of every biweekly period the filing party (clerk of any court) must send to the State Registrar a report of every divorce or annulment of marriage granted during that period. (This is the only legal document pertaining to vital records that is not filed by the local Register of Deeds.)

A sample divorce certificate form can be found on page 17.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE FILE DATE

STATE FILE NUMBER

Type or Print
Use Permanent
Black Ink
No Whiteout
or Erasures.
Reserved for
Vital Statistics

1. GROOM NAME First Last Middle		2. DATE OF BIRTH Month Day Year	
3a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE STATE		3b. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP	
5. FATHER NAME First Middle Last		6. MOTHER NAME First Middle Last	
7a. BRIDE NAME First Middle Last		7b. BIRTH SURNAME First Middle Last	
8a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE STATE		8b. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP	
11. FATHER NAME First Middle Last		12. MOTHER NAME First Middle Last	
13. GROOM'S SIGNATURE (SIGN BEFORE CEREMONY)		14. BRIDE'S SIGNATURE (SIGN BEFORE CEREMONY)	
15. LICENSE NO.		16. ISSUED BY COUNTY CLERK	
17. DATE OF MARRIAGE Month Day Year		18. ISSUING COUNTY	
19. DATE OF MARRIAGE Month Day Year		20a. WHERE MARRIED-COUNTY	
21. OFFICIANT SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)		22. ADULT WITNESS TO CEREMONY SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)	
23. OFFICIANT NAME (Print or Type)		24. ADULT WITNESS TO CEREMONY SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)	
25a. OFFICIANT TITLE		25b. OFFICIANT MAILING ADDRESS Street City State ZIP	
26. REGISTRAR SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)		27. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Month Day Year	

Complete Items for Both Groom and Bride		CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY		SS NO'S COLLECTED FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (1, 2, etc.)	IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY:	DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED Specify Below (Mo., Day, Yr)	RACE (White, Black, American Indian, etc.)	EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elem. Second (9-12) College (1-4 or 5-)
33a.	28a.	29a. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul.	30a.	Specify Below	Elem. Second (9-12) College (1-4 or 5-)
33b.	28b.	29b. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul.	30b.	31a.	32a.
				31b.	32b.

THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS WITHIN 3 DAYS OF MARRIAGE.
NOTE: THIS ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE, LEGIBLY AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF MARRIAGE, WITHIN THREE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MARRIAGE. MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE IS TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200), OR THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH. (Wis. Statute Sec. 765.30(4)(a))

TYPE OR
PRINT IN
PERMANENT
BLACK INK

DOH-5280 (Rev. 4/98)
Chap. 65, Wis. Stat.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

STATE FILE DATE

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT

STATE FILE NUMBER

1. HUSBAND - NAME		First	Full Middle	Last
2a. RESIDENCE - STATE		2b. RESIDENCE - COUNTY		
3. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)				
4. WIFE - NAME		First	Full Middle	Last
5. BIRTH SURNAME				
6a. RESIDENCE - STATE		6b. RESIDENCE - COUNTY		
7. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)				
8a. PLACE OF THIS MARRIAGE - STATE (If not in USA, Name Country)		8b. DATE OF THIS MARRIAGE (Month, Day, Year)		
9. DATE COUPLE FIRST RESIDED IN SAME HOUSEHOLD (Month, Day, Year)		10a. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THIS HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE IN 9		
10b. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 WHOSE PHYSICAL CUSTODY WAS AWARDED TO: Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint (husband/wife) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/>		11a. ATTORNEY OR PROSECUITOR - NAME (Type or Print)		
11b. ADDRESS NUMBER AND STREET		CITY		STATE ZIP
12. DATE OF DECREE (Mo., Day, Yr.)		13. TYPE OF DECREE <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		15. COURT CASE NUMBER
16. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING CLERK OF COURT		17. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)		
18. WIFE'S NEW NAME (If applicable)		19. HUSBAND'S NEW NAME (If applicable)		

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR STATISTICAL USE ONLY [§69.20(2) & 69.15(3)]				
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (1, 2, etc.) Specify Below	IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY:	DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED (Mo., Day, Yr.)	RACE (White, Black, American, Indian, etc.) Specify Below
26a.	20a.	21a. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul.	22a.	23a.
26b.	20b.	21b. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul.	22b.	23b.
				24a.
				24b.

25a. IF THIS DECREE FINDS THAT ONE OR MORE LIVING CHILDREN CONCEIVED OR BORN DURING THIS MARRIAGE ARE NOT THE ISSUE OF THIS MARRIAGE, LIST THESE CHILDREN BELOW.				
25b. FULL NAME OF CHILD AS IT APPEARS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE. These children are not the issue of this marriage.				
First	Middle	Last	25c. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)	25d. STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country)
1.				25e. COUNTY OF BIRTH
2.				25f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
3.				
4.				

(Social security numbers are collected for child support enforcement purposes.)

